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## **Clean Energy 1 Wind Weekly PSC Update**

**Case #: PU-11-662**

**Week Ending 12/30/2016**

In December of 2015, Wanzek reclaimed the topsoil around the construction of the wind turbine string roads. Work was stopped at this time due to winter weather and freezing subsurface conditions.

In 2016, ALLETE Clean Energy continued construction activities. ALLETE Clean Energy's construction and engineering team reviewed the site's geotechnical constructability with EPC contractors and conducted multiple site suitability trips. In addition, ALLETE Clean Energy staff reviewed the engineering and design of the electrical interconnection with the transmission owner, Minnesota Power, to confirm compliance requirements under the existing LGIA.

ALLETE Clean Energy worked diligently to secure an offtake agreement for the electrical generation. Although the offtake agreement is not in place, ALLETE Clean Energy is currently negotiating a power purchase agreement and hopes to secure this offtake agreement by Q2 2017.

ALLETE Clean Energy anticipates full construction of Clean Energy 1 to continue in 2017 or 2018. The final site layout and turbine selection, in accordance with the existing certificate of site compatibility requirements, will be submitted in advance of full construction activities.